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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTIONS - CORDOBA PLANTS

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- 1. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 22, MY ECOM COUNSELOR WAS REQUESTED TO CALL BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY LUCIO RECA, WHO MADE RENEWED PLEA FOR INSPECTION OF CORDOBA PACKING PLANTS WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO DELIST. RECA SAID INSPECTION OF THESE PLANTS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO HIS GOVERNMENT BOTH WITH RESPECT TO POLITICAL IMPACT AND TO DIFFICULT FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ARGENTINA FINDS ITSELF. HE URGED THAT USDA/APHIS GO AHEAD WITH INSPECTION AND SAID MINISTRY STOOD READY ASSIST IN ANY WAY.
- 2. RECA ACKNOWLEDGED THE ADVERSE IMPACT ON SECURITY IMAGE OF ARGENTINA WHICH EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO HAVE IN U.S. BUT NOTED THAT THESE EVENTS HAD NO DIRECT EFFECT ON CONSIDERATIONS APPLICABLE TO INSPECTION OF CORDOBA PLANTS. REASON FOR CALLING IN COUNSELOR, WAS TO STRESS AGAIN RECA'S PERSONAL ASSURANCES THAT MINISTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARED ARRANGE ALL, RPT ALL SECURITY MEASURES U.S.

MIGHT WISH IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT INSPECTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, RECA WANTED ME TO PASS ON TO WASHINGTON THAT, IN ADDITION TO MINISTRY AIRCRAFT TO TAKE INSPECTORS TO CORDOBA, HE OFFERED MAKE AVAILABLE GOA HELICOPTER TO TRANSPORT INSPECTORS BETWEEN PLANTS IN CORDOBA PROVINCE. THIS WOULD OPEN POSSIBILITY FOR ALL PLANTS TO BE INSPECTED IN ONE DAY, OR FOR INSPECTORS TO OVERNIGHT (IF NECESSARY) AT SOME FULLY PROTECTED POINT WITHIN AREA.

3. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL REVIEW OF THE DECISION NOT TO INSPECT THE CORODOBA PLANTS. I AM CONVINCED THAT WITH THE COOPERATION OFFERED BY RECA, INSPECTIONS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH ACCEPTABLE, MINIMAL SECURITY RISK AND I HOPE YOU MAY SEE SITUATION IN SAME LIGHT. HILL

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